User guide for bettermarks on Collins Connect

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bettermarks at school

Here's how it works

Teach

Introduce the topic in the lesson as you usually would.

Assign

Give bettermarks exercises to your students.

Work

The students work through the exercises on the computer.

Evaluate

Evaluate the results with the click of a button.

Follow up
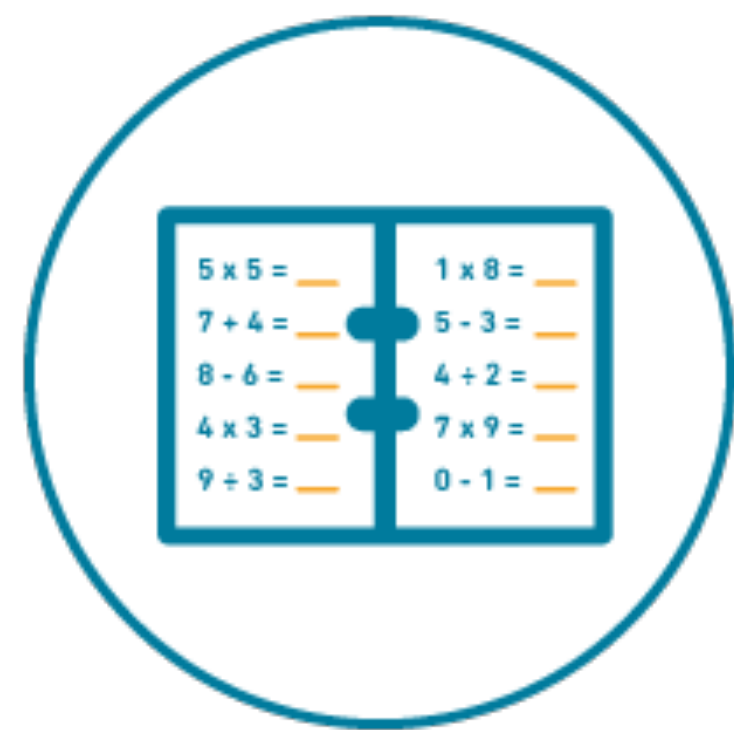
Repeat material or move on to the next topic.

School textbook, exercise book, testing and smart board

In practice

Textbook

bettermarks has topic introductions, prerequisite skill practice and worked examples.

Exercise book

bettermarks provides over 100,000 different exercises.

Testing

bettermarks offers both ready-made tests and simple tools for creating your own.

Interactive whiteboard

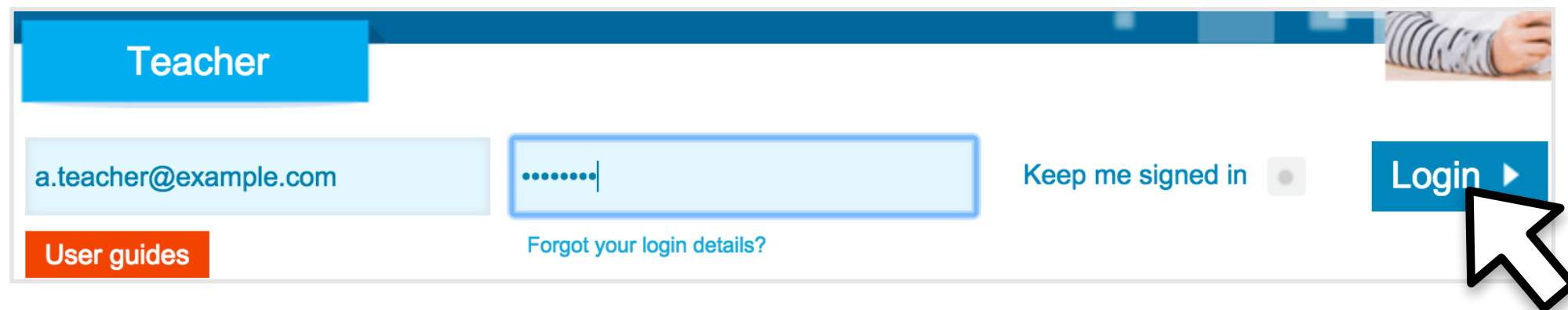bettermarks links to smart boards so you can display interactive content.

How to access bettermarks

Teacher access to bettermarks on a computer

Log in to Collins Connect

Go to https://connect.collins.co.uk and select the the teacher option from the buttons along the top. Log in using your school email address and your Collins Connect password
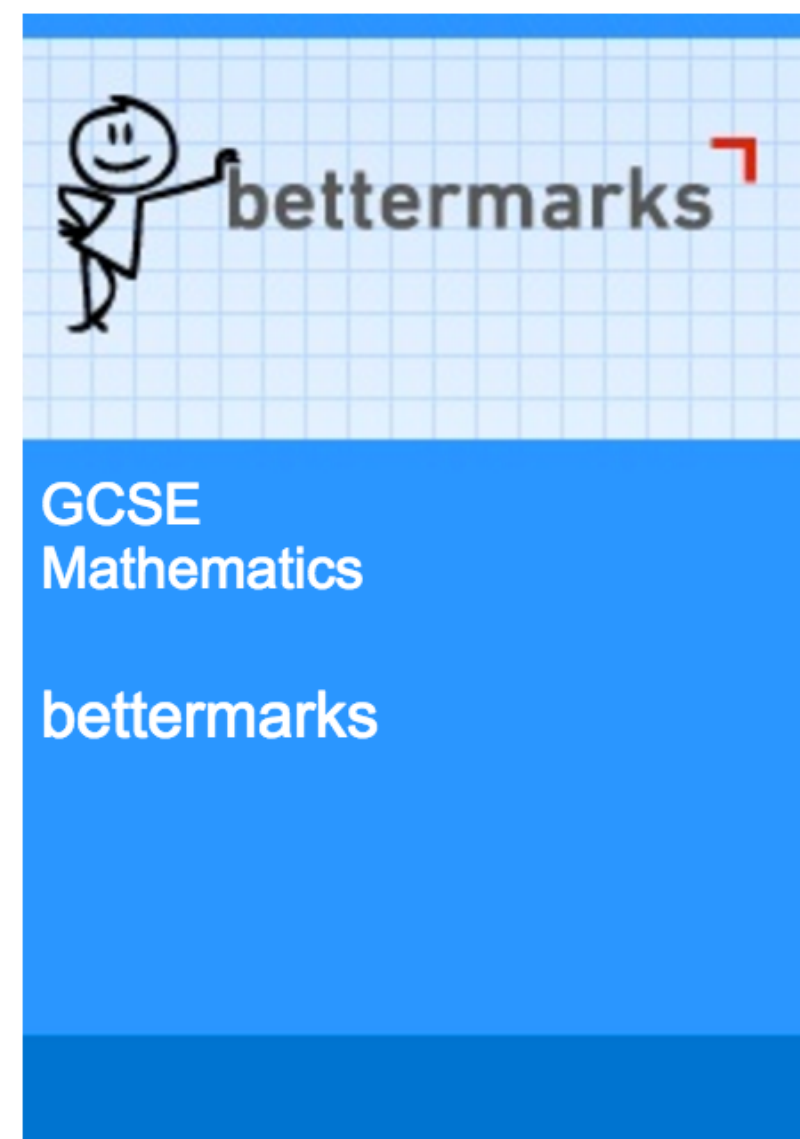
Go to bettermarks

Click on the bettermarks panel to go directly to better marks

Student access to bettermarks on a computer

Log in to Collins Connect

Go to https://connect.collins.co.uk and select the the student option from the buttons along the top. Type in your school's name and then log in using your personal details.

Student ▶

Find your School

Start typing your school name or postcode and select to go to your login page.

School [   ] **Submit**

...hool not found?

Student login

School name: Collins Connect School(12345) : Not your school?

Date of birth [1 ▼] [January ▼]   First letter of surname [B ▼]   Year group [Year 10 ▼]

Keep me signed in ⚪   **Login** ▶

Go to bettermarks ▶

Go to bettermarks

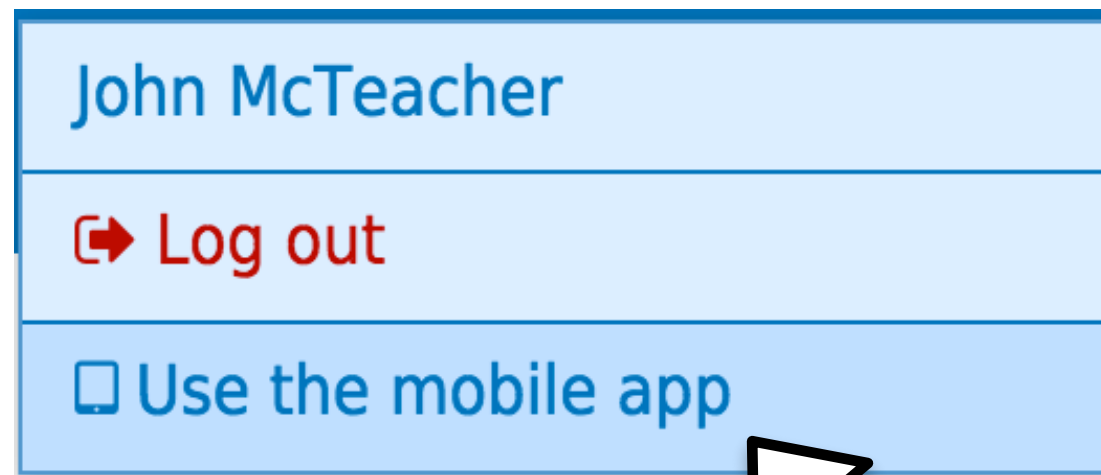Click on the "Go to bettermarks" button to go directly to better marks

Accessing bettermarks on a mobile device

Install the bettermarks app

The bettermarks app is available for both students and teachers from the App Store on iPad or Google Play on Android

Find your pairing code

Click on your name within bettermarks as if you were going to log out and you will see the option to pair to a mobile device

John McTeacher

➡ Log out

▢ Use the mobile app

Register your pairing code

Below is the pairing code you need to log in to your account with the bettermarks app.

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right of this page. It's case sensitive so please be careful when copying it over.

aBCdef1

Pair

Register your pairing code

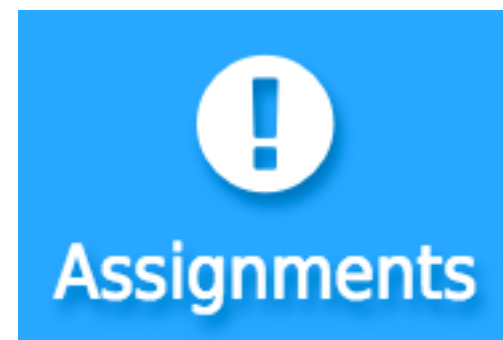Open the better marks app and type in the pairing code when prompted

How to guide for students

Ways to study

Assignments

If your teacher has set you work to do it will appear here

Books

If you want to try something yourself you can find all of the material in better marks here. This is split into the topics that your teacher has assigned to your class in "My school books" and everything else in "Library"

Knowledge gaps

Tests will appear here when bettermarks notices you struggling with a topic. These tests will start you with easier questions and help you work up to understanding the topic.

Before you begin

☑ Knowledge gaps and results need you to put in your password. If you don't know it, ask your school's Collins Connect admin to help you reset it

Completing work

Open a quiz
Any work can be opened with the green arrow next to it.

i Show hint   📘 Textbook   ✔ Show solution

Get help
If you're having trouble you can ask for a hint, read up on the whole topic or even get the answer (but you don't get any marks if you're given the answer)

Submitting answers
Once you are happy with your answer, just click the OK button in the bottom right.

OK

Don't worry
Unless you're in test conditions you will always be able to have a second go at a question. Questions you had trouble with will appear amber.

1   2   3

Did it work?

Sometimes a question has more than one part so clicking on OK won't move you to the next question. Just scroll down to complete the next bit.
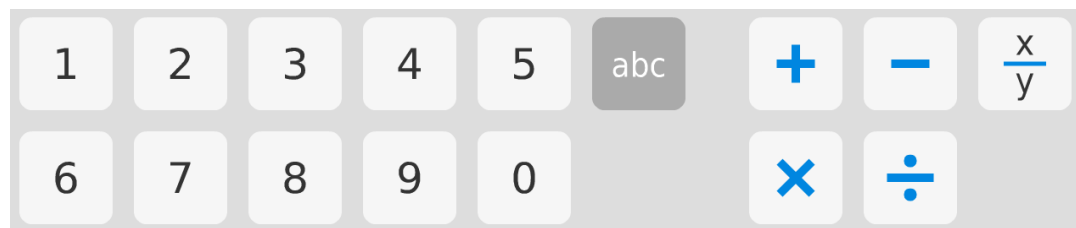
Types of question

○ -14 x was added to both sides.

⊙ 2 x was added to both sides.

Multiple choice

If a question has many options you normally just have to click on the right one

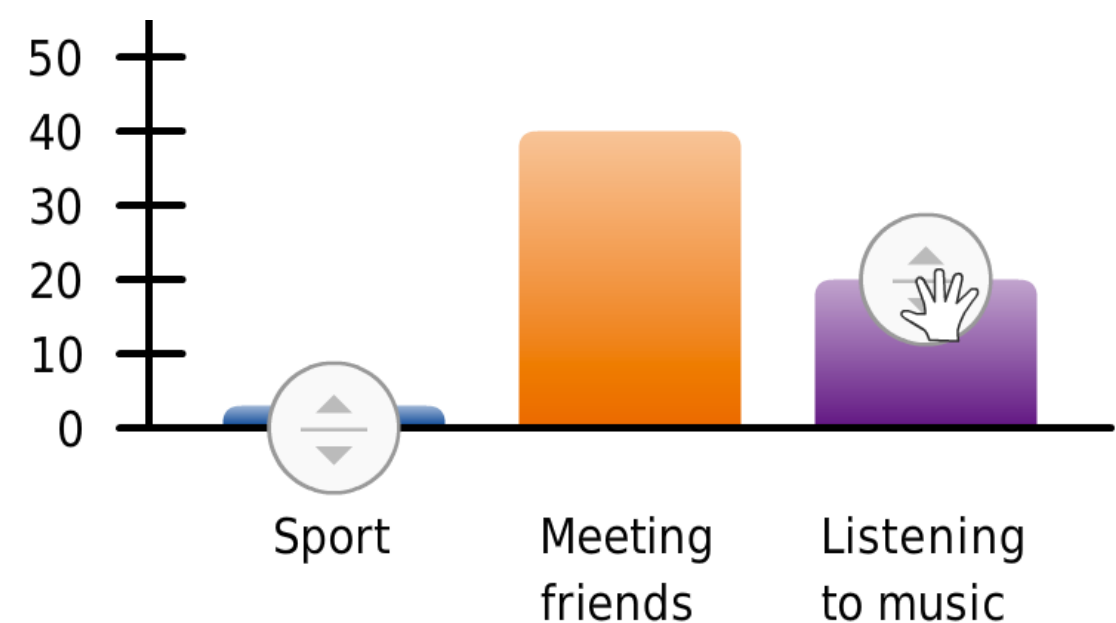| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | abc | + | − | $\frac{x}{y}$ |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 0 | | × | ÷ | |

Fill in the blank

Where you have to write an answer yourself you can do it with the keyboard or you can use the keypad at the bottom. This will have everything you need to answer the question.

Draw

When you need to draw something, drawing tools will appear on the right of the canvas

Click and drag

Sometimes there will be things that need to be moved around by clicking and dragging like answers to the right location or segments of a pie chart to the right size
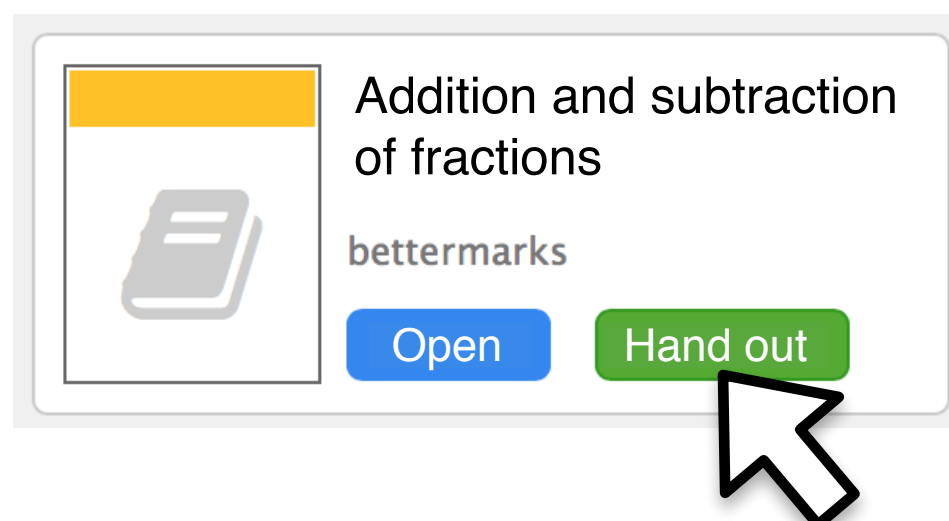
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Sport   Meeting friends   Listening to music

25 %   35 %   15 %

10 %   15 %   20 %   30 %   35 %

25 %
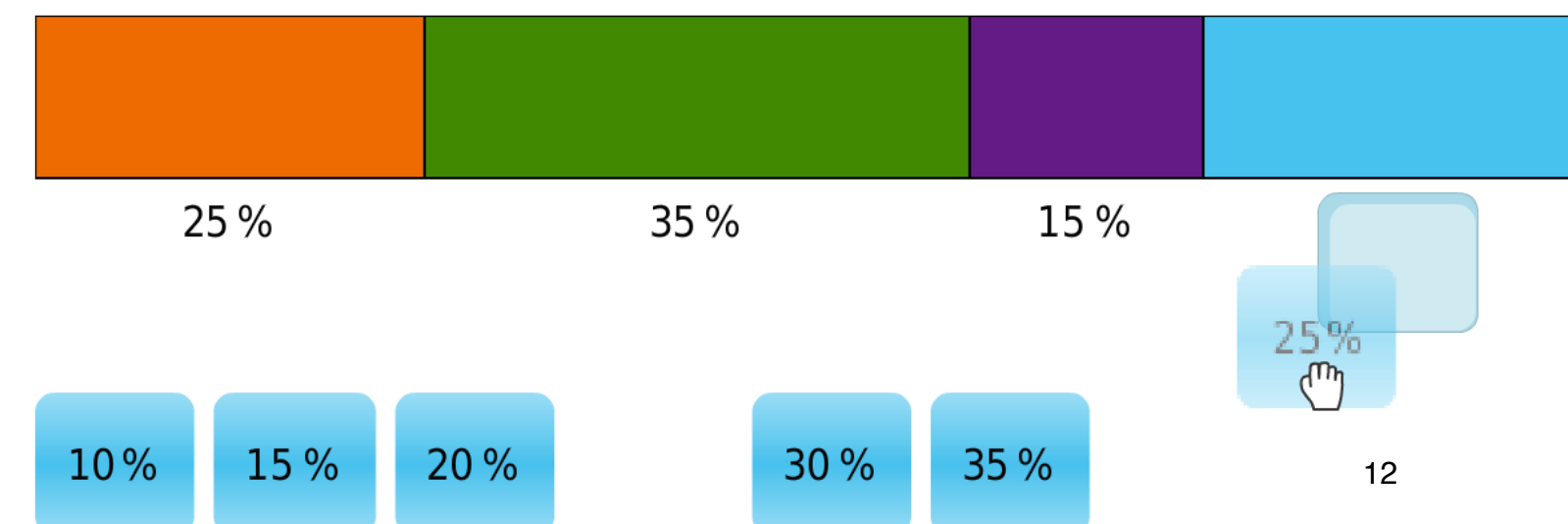
How to guide for teachers

Handing out a book online

Books

Open the library

In the main navigation bar, click on "Books".

Addition and subtraction of fractions

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Open   Hand out

Select a book

Click on the book you would like to hand out.

Addition and subtraction of fractions

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Class 7b   ✔ ✖

1   2
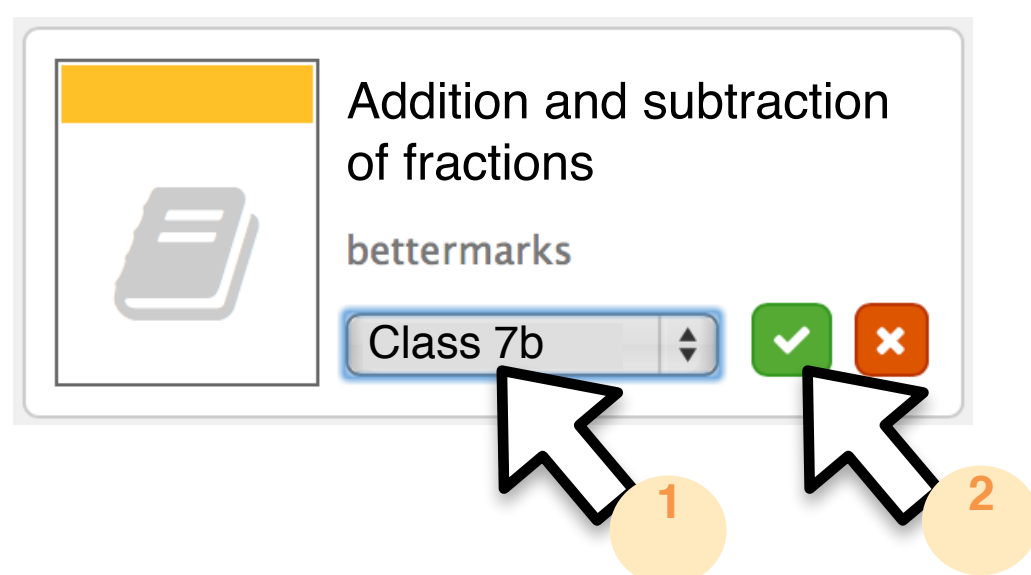
Hand the book out

Select the relevant class (1) and confirm your selection (2) to hand out the book.

Did it work?

In the navigation bar on the left, select the relevant class. The book you handed out will be listed here.

Next step

Now you and your students can work on the book together
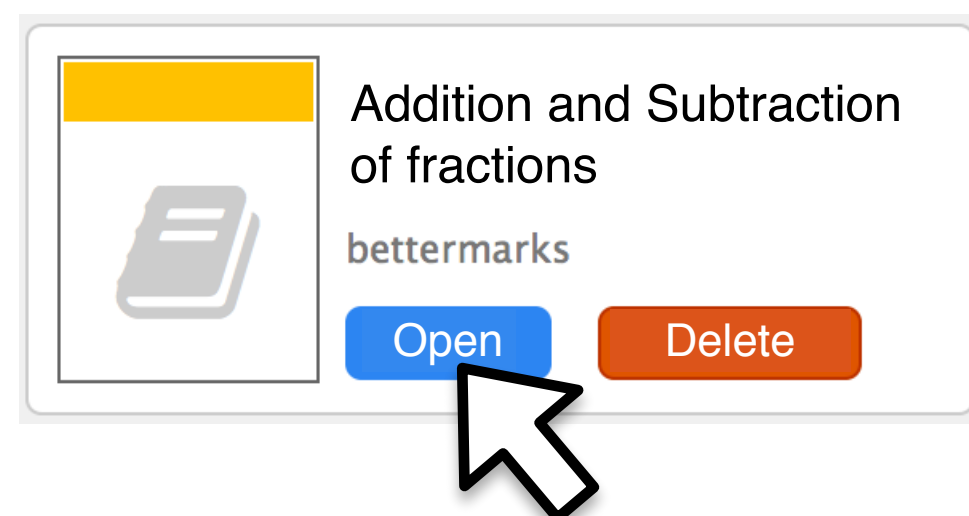
Assigning exercises online

Open the library

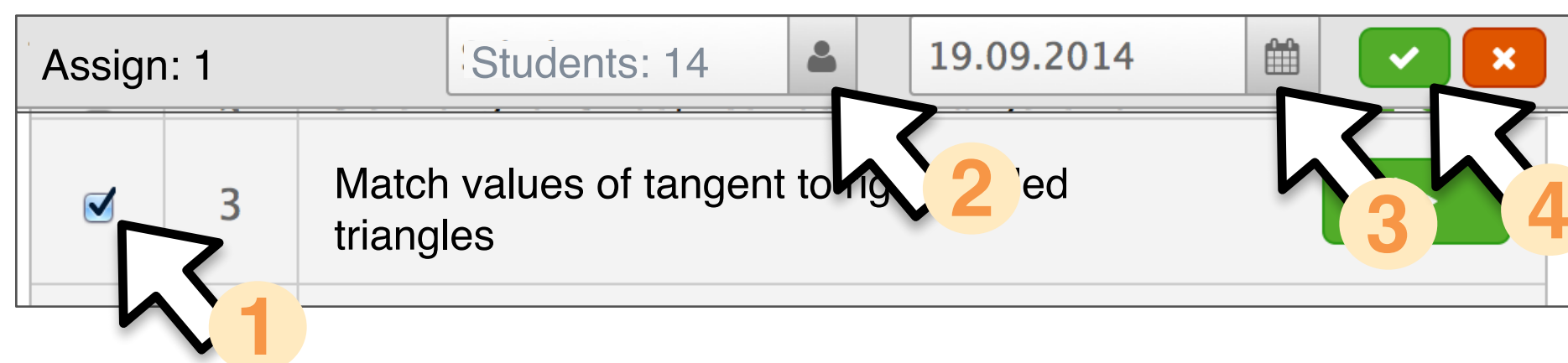Click on "Books" in the main navigation bar.

Books

Select the class

Click on the class you would like to assign an exercise to.

Class 5a

Class 7b

Select the book

Click on the book you would like to use.

Addition and Subtraction of fractions

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Open   Delete

Assign the exercise

Click on the exercise (1), the students you want to assign it to (2) and the deadline (3) and then confirm your selection (4).

Assign: 1   Students: 14   19.09.2014

3   Match values of tangent to right-angled triangles

1   2   3   4

Did it work?

The exercise appears in the "Assignments" section when you click on the relevant class.

Let your students

Tell your students that they have an exercise to do in their "Assignments".

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Assigning a custom-built test

Worksheets

Open the worksheets section

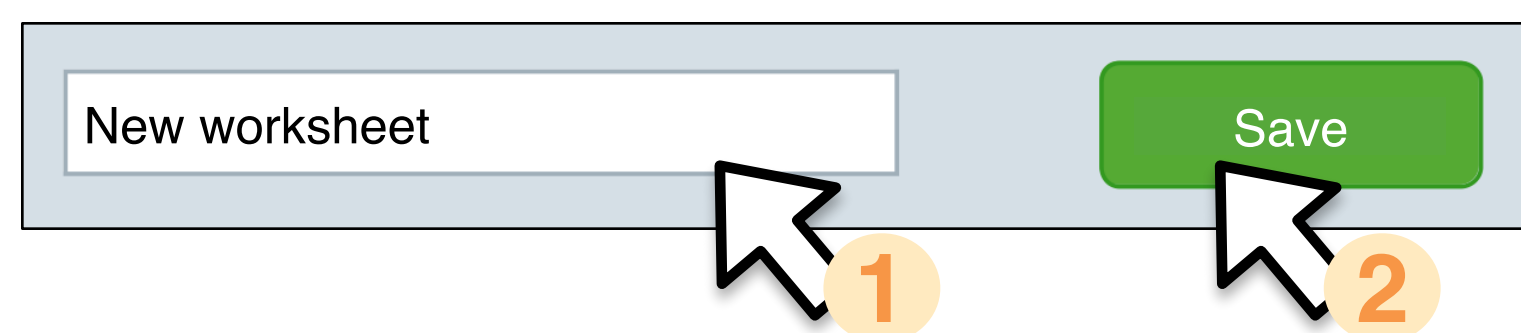Click on "Worksheets" in the main navigation bar and set up a new worksheet.

Relationships between angles

Know the properties of adjacent and vertical angles on intersecting lines

Exercise type 1 - A   2 Min.   ↻ Show a different item

Calculate b (in cm)

Select the exercises

Click on the topic (1) and goal (2), select the desired exercises (3) and add them (4).

New worksheet   **Save**

Save the worksheet

Name the worksheet (1) and save it (2).

Assign worksheet: 1   Select a class   Select student   Select date   ✓

New worksheet   ⏱ 8 Min

Assign the worksheet

Select the worksheet (1), the class (2), the relevant students (3) and the deadline (4) and confirm your selection (5).

Did it work?

The test appears in the "Assignments" section when you click on the relevant class.
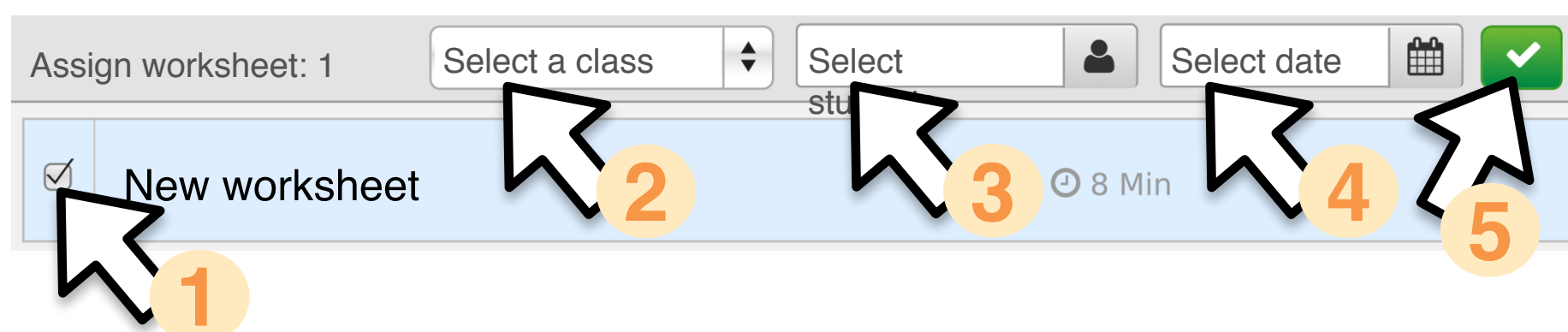
Tell your students

Tell your students that they have a test to do in their "Assignments" section.

Working through mistakes

Reports

Open the reports

Click on "Reports" in the main navigation bar.

Class 5a

Class 7b

Select the class

Click on the class whose mistakes you would like to work through.

Knowledge gaps

Option 1
Display knowledge gaps

Click on "Knowledge gaps" to call up the students' open knowledge gaps.

Adding and subtracting up to 10 000	👤	2 >
Basics on addition and subtraction of fractions	👤	11 >
Adding numbers up to 10 000, with carrying in thousands Book "Adding and subtracting up to 10 000"	👤	6 >

Option 2
Analyse the activity in detail

Click on a student's exercise activity to see exactly where they went wrong, including their exact input per attempt.
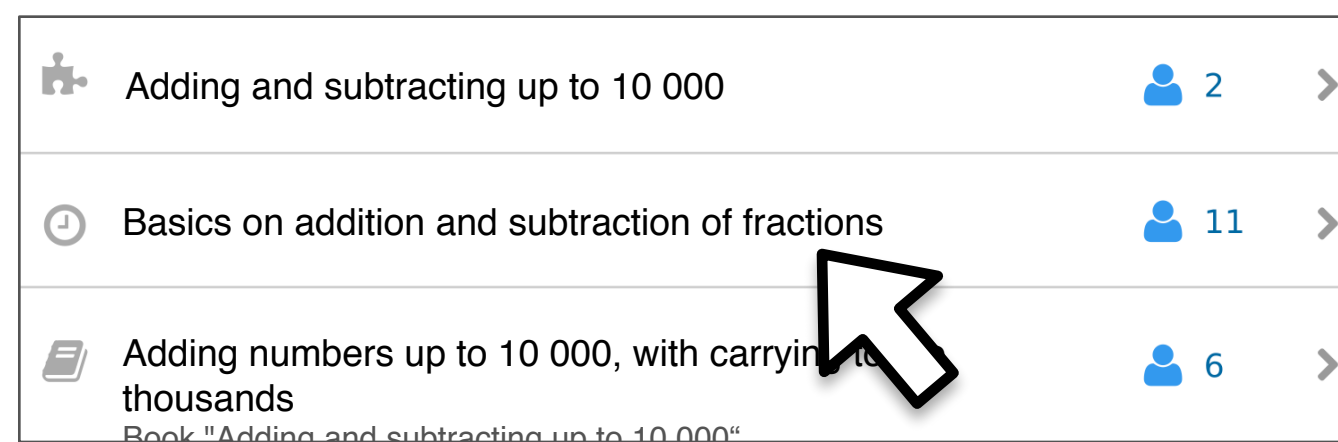
Before you start

☑ Have your students done their work?

☑ Check that your students have open knowledge gaps.

Let your students

Tell your students that they should work on the exercise in the "Knowledge gaps" section.

Next step

Take your students through problems they could not solve. Either explain the difficulties or assign corresponding exercises and explanations.
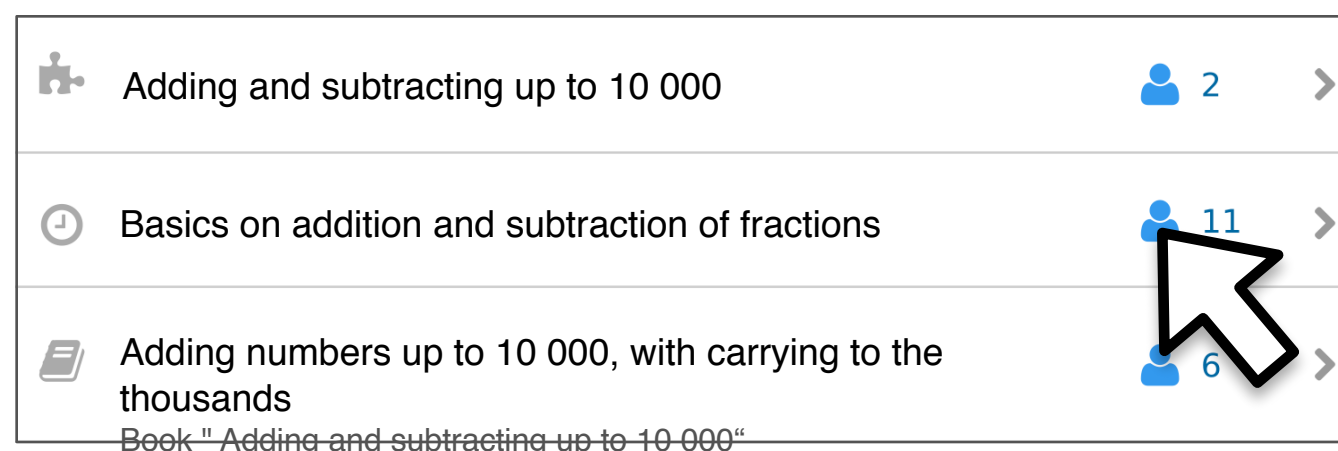
Checking student activity in the reports

Reports

Open the reports

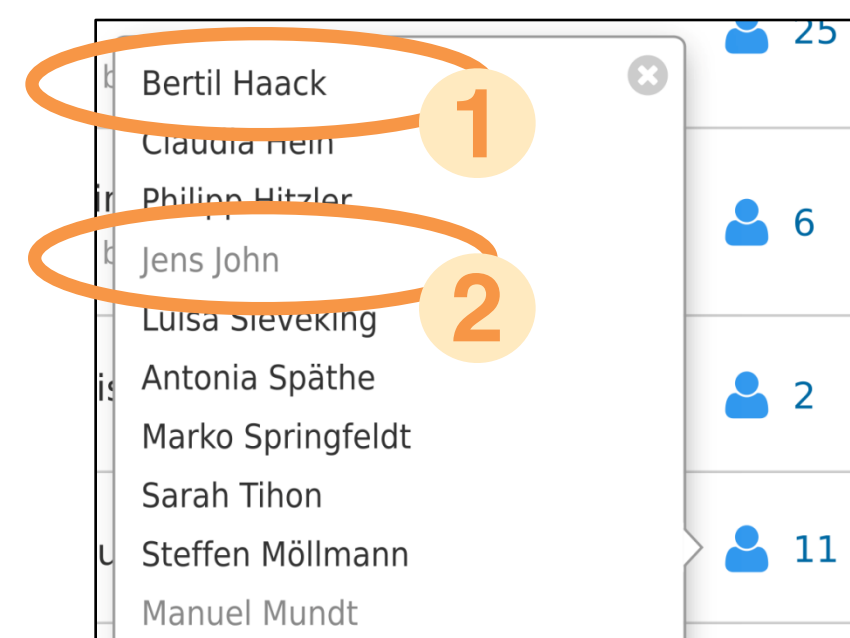Click on "Reports" in the main navigation bar

Class 5a

Class 7b

Select the class

Click on the class whose activity you would like to check.

Adding and subtracting up to 10 000	👤 2	›
Basics on addition and subtraction of fractions	👤 11	›
Adding numbers up to 10 000, with carrying to the thousands	👤 6	›
Book " Adding and subtracting up to 10 000"		

Select the exercise

Click on the exercise you want to check.

👤 25

Bertil Haack **①**

Claudia Hein

Philipp Hitzler

Jens John **②**

Luisa Sieveking

Antonia Späthe

Marko Springfeldt

Sarah Tihon

Steffen Möllmann

Manuel Mundt

👤 6

👤 2

👤 11

Check the activity

You can easily see which students have done (1) or not done (2) the exercise.

Checking the results in the reports

Open the reports

Click on "Reports" in the main navigation bar

Reports

Select the class

| Class 5a |
| Class 7b |

Click on the class whose results you would like to check.

Select the content

Adding and subtracting up to 10 000	👤 2	›
Basics on addition and subtraction of fractions	👤 11	›
Adding numbers up to 10 000, with carrying to the thousands	👤 6	›

Book "Adding and subtracting up to 10 000"
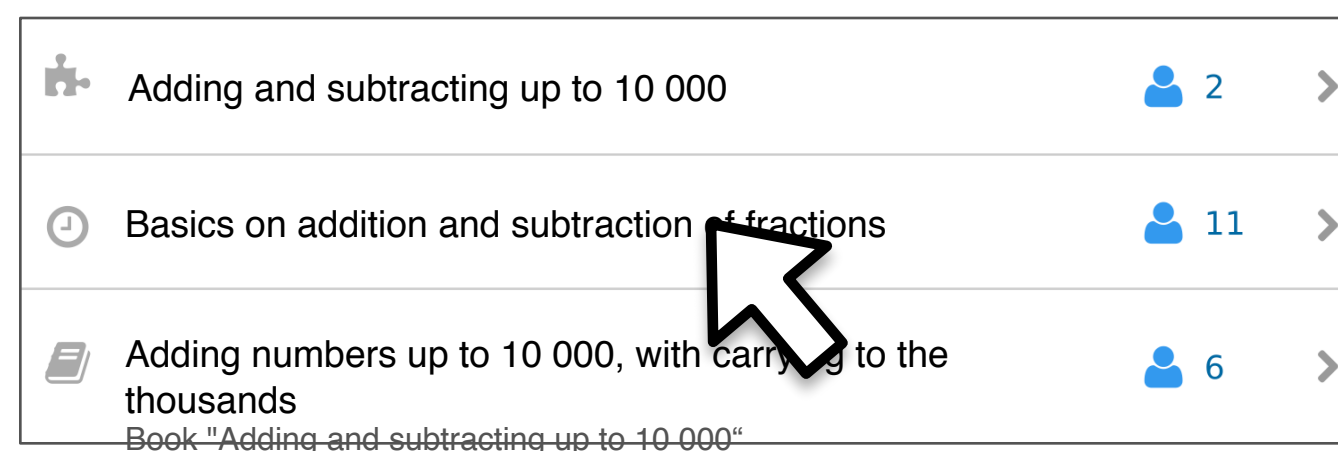
Click on the content where you want to check the results.

Check the results

👤 All participants	
Diego Carbonell-Gonzalez	-
Christian Günther	75%
Jens John	100%
Luisa Sieveking	80%
Antonia Späthe	-

You are presented with an overview of the students' results and you can call up individual problems with a couple of clicks.

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